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Application of: A. MIROSHIN et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1772

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Examiner: S.F. Hon

For: POLARIZER AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY ELEMENT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2002 in which the application was examined for restriction purposes only. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following remarks and provisional election. Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' attorney, Paul E. Dietze, in a telephonic interview on May 6, 2002.

REMARKS

The Examiner required that this application be restricted to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: claims 97-102, directed to a polarizer having a birefringent layer with at least one refraction index that grows as the polarizable light wavelength increases at least in a certain range of the wavelength;

Group II: claims 103-112, drawn to a polarizer having a means for dividing a plurality of polarized light beams and for changing polarization, and an optically active isotropic layer next to a birefringent layer with at least one refraction index that grows as the polarizable light wavelength increases at least in a certain range of the wavelength;

Group III: claims 113-129, drawn to a polarizer in the form of at least one film or plate, having a birefringent anisotropically absorbing layer with at least one refraction